

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, November 12, 2002, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:20 P.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor David P. Ransburg presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11; Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ransburg requested a moment of silent prayer and then he requested that Boy Scout Troop #156 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: 2002 STATE OF ILLINOIS' GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARD: OSF ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER and THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL for *THE GIVING TREE*

PROCLAMATION: BRADLEY UNIVERSITY GREEK ORGANIZATIONS

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY – November 13, 2002

PROCLAMATION: SALVATION ARMY SUNDAY – November 17, 2002

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**NEW BUSINESS**

(02-746) **Consideration of a Motion to SET a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY**
* **COUNCIL on Friday, November 15, 2002, at 8:00 A.M. to Consider and Act Upon a**
Communication from the Director of Public Works Requesting Approval to
Purchase 297.58 acres from Duane and Joy Patton, in the Amount of \$6,000.00/acre,
for the Peoria City/County Landfill #2.

Council Member Turner moved to set a Special Meeting of the City Council on Friday, November 15, 2002, at 8:00 A.M. to consider and act upon a communication from the Director of Public Works requesting approval to purchase 297.58 acres from Duane and Joy Patton, in the amount of \$6,000.00/acre, for the Peoria City/County Landfill #2; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Ransburg - 10;

Nays: None.

Clerk's Note: See Page 25843 for further discussion.

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 5, 2002, as printed; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 5, 2002, as printed was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE.

- (02-747) **NOTICE OF LAWSUIT on Behalf of JAMES E. BODTKE, JR. and RUBY BODTKE Alleging the City did not Meet its Obligation of a Development and Annexation Agreement.**
- (02-748) **Communication from Director of Public Works and Director of Economic Development Requesting Authorization to RELEASE EASEMENTS on VACATED STREETS in MIDTOWN SHOPPING PLAZA.**
- (02-749) **Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the CITY/COUNTY/PARK DISTRICT AGREEMENT with SPRINGDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.**
- (02-750) **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the**
** **JOINT AGREEMENT with IDOT for Work Associated with the Installation of an INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) as Part of the INTERSTATE 74 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, with the City's Portion in the Amount of \$5,750.00.**
- (02-751) **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with**
ORDINANCE NO. 15,388 Approving the FINAL PLAT of NORTHTRAIL MEADOWS SECTION TWO, a Single Family Residential Development Located to the North of Wilhelm Road and South of Hickory Grove Road Off Northtrail Drive.
- (02-752) **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval for the**
*** **Public Share of CBD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT for WTVP Located at 101 STATE STREET, in the Total Amount of \$54,438.00, as Outlined.**
- (02-753) **APPOINTMENTS and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION:**
- Appointments:**
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| James T. Hancock, Jr. (Voting) | Term Expires 6/30/03 |
| James N. (Jay) McCormick (Voting) | Term Expires 6/30/05 |
- Reappointments:**
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| Shirley Jones (Voting) | Term Expires 6/30/05 |
| James Simkins (Voting) | Term Expires 6/30/05 |
- (02-754) **REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the LABOR MANAGEMENT HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE:**
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| Council Member Gale S. Thetford | Term Expires 6/30/03 |
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Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the communications; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Morris requested Item No. 02-752 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested Item No. 02-750 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 02-747 through 02-754 (excluding Item Nos. 02-750 and 02-752 which were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;

Nays: None.

**(02-750) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the
** JOINT AGREEMENT with IDOT for Work Associated with the Installation of an
 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) as Part of the
 INTERSTATE 74 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, with the City's Portion in the
 Amount of \$5,750.00.**

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that once the project was completed, the City would be responsible for maintenance and jurisdiction of the equipment. He questioned how much in operational dollars the City would be responsible for by accepting this proposal.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle stated he had no way to anticipate the actual cost. He said the equipment would be managed within the City's facilities and he felt it would be worth the expenditure. He said he did not expect that equipment located outside the City of Peoria would be managed by the City of Peoria, but the City may manage locations relating to the I-74 Reconstruction Project beyond Washington Street in East Peoria or just past Sterling Avenue, and Heinz Road. He said he felt there would be some costs to the City but, based on the kind of equipment that would be installed, he felt comfortable recommending approval.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the joint agreement with IDOT for work associated with the installation of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) as part of the Interstate 74 Reconstruction Project, with the City's portion in the amount of \$5,750.00; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;

Nays: None.

**(02-752) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval for the
*** Public Share of CBD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT for WTVF Located at 101
 STATE STREET, in the Total Amount of \$54,438.00, as Outlined.**

Council Member Morris said he would be abstaining from the vote due to his employment with WTVF.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the public share of CBD Streetscape Improvement for WTVF located at 101 State Street, in the total amount of \$54,438.00, as outlined; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to approve the public share of CBD Streetscape Improvement for WTVF located at 101 State Street, in the total amount of \$54,438.00, as outlined was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Ransburg - 10;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Morris - 1.

**(02-755) DISCUSSION Regarding 2003 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DOCUMENTS
Distributed at the November 5, 2002, Council Meeting.**

Director of Finance/Comptroller Ellie Hogan distributed a copy of a revised list of Possible Revenue Sources to all members of the City Council.

City Manager Michael McKnight said there was a projected revenue stream of approximately \$91.9 million with expenses proposed at \$96 million for a net gross deficit of \$4.7 million. He said the Administration had provided several scenarios to reduce the deficit to a manageable size. He said one recommendation was to transfer \$2 million from Capital to Operations and to forego making a full contribution to IMRF. He explained the IMRF was sufficient to withstand not making the full contribution. He further stated the projected 2004 Budget did not look much better than the 2003 Budget. He said he did not want to be in a staff reduction mode every single year. He added the City had little control over revenue which caused the City to react from an expenditure posture to meet the revenues.

Accounting Coordinator Jim Scroggins said the revenues for the end of 2002 were based on seven months of revenues from sales tax numbers, which were down. He said very conservative growth, under 1%, was projected for 2003 for State sales tax. He said he projected that by 2005, the City would be at the 2000 levels.

Council Member Turner expressed concern regarding the projections. He pointed out that a local employer had laid off a large number of personnel and another large number of higher-income personnel would be offered early retirement, and he questioned if the projections for sales tax revenue would be accurate. He also expressed concern regarding retail shift and the impact that would have on the City's projections and expected growth.

Mr. Scroggins stated these points had been taken into consideration and he felt the projections were as conservative as possible. He said, based on the information he had at this time, he felt the projections were as accurate as possible.

Further discussion was held regarding projections.

City Manager Michael McKnight pointed out that the Budget was comprised of the midyear adjustment, with no increase for contractual services or supplies. He said the only increases were in the personnel side for contract pay increases.

Director Hogan said the Departments were requested to submit their budgets with minimal increases. She said contractual services and supplies were kept at the current year level and the only increases were in personnel for contractual increases. She discussed the exceptions list and she explained that only the items listed with a No. 1 were being recommended to be included in the 2003 Budget.

Council Member Nichting had a series of questions regarding revenue sources and definitions.

In further discussion, it was pointed out that in 1992, there were 752 City employees and in 2002, there were 867, which was prior to layoffs and was now down to 815 City employees. Council Member Nichting pointed out that employee increases occurred from 1992 to 2002 in the Inspections Department, Planning Department and Police Department.

Following a brief comment, Council Member Grayeb moved to transfer \$2 million from Capital Improvement Program into the Operating Budget to reduce the 2003 Budget deficit; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Sandberg requested to know which capital projects would be affected by the proposed transfer of the \$2 million.

Director Hogan referred to the Capital Fund and she said there no 2003 projections for the larger projects. She said projects would continue in 2003 but no extra funding would be available for those projects. In further discussion, Director Hogan pointed out that other needed items were reduced to a minimum that it was felt would be sufficient for 2003.

Council Member Sandberg requested a report back regarding roll over dollars from previous years' projects and how they would be used.

Council Member Thetford indicated she would support the transfer of the \$2 million but not as proposed. She referred to contractual services and she suggested holding all departments to no more than what the 2001 actual expenditures were. She said this would be a reduction of approximately \$1.846 million, and she pointed out there were other reductions that could be made than just reducing Staff.

In discussion with Council Member Thetford, Director Hogan indicated that much of the contractual services increase was due to healthcare and the garbage contract. Council Member Thetford requested a report back as to how much of the \$1.846 million were healthcare increases.

City Manager Michael McKnight stated he would provide the Council with a list of contractual service costs.

Council Member Thetford expressed concern that there would be no special assessments in 2003 and the sidewalk program would be funded at a lesser amount than in 2002.

Director Van Winkle stated there may be another \$100,000 in block grant monies available for sidewalks for a total of \$500,000 for sidewalks.

Council Member Teplitz pointed out there were several special assessment projects that were already funded for 2003. She questioned if Staff was available to begin working on unfunded and back-logged special assessment projects in 2003.

Director Van Winkle said if there were more resources than needed, he said he would first cut back on consulting. He added after early retirements took affect in his department, his department would be significantly reduced so he would have a problem in providing services, unless those individuals were replaced.

Council Member Spears said he would not be voting for the motion at this time because he felt the Administration had not provided a specific explanation of the numbers, and he did not support moving the numbers around without that knowledge.

In discussion, it was determined that if the motion passed to transfer the \$2 million from Capital into the Operating Budget, further motions and considerations for change could still be voted on regarding the Capital Budget.

Council Member Turner expressed concern that the proposed motion was a short-term solution. He said the problem was to right-size government when there was a 5% to 6% annual growth in the base wage rate, and a 10% to 12% growth in healthcare. He said the budget process still had a long way to go. He said there needed to be some structural changes made. He said the State of Illinois was not the only State with budget deficits. He said this was happening all over the country because revenues were not growing at the necessary rate so changes were needed.

Council Member Ardis said he was not willing to vote for a blanket endorsement that did not specify where the money was coming from and which projects would be affected.

Motion to transfer \$2 million from Capital Improvement Program into the Operating Budget to reduce the deficit was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 7;

Nays: Ardis, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford - 4.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(02-727) REVISED PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: US ROUTE 150 & ILLINOIS ROUTE 91 (Widening, overlay and reconstruction of US Route 150 from Trigger/Koerner Road to Frostwood Parkway, on Illinois Route 91 from US Route 150 to the north.) R. A. CULLINAN & SON, INC. – REVISED PAYMENT ESTIMATE #8: \$968,000.00; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$968,000.00. (For Information Only)

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the revised Payment Estimate for Public Improvement Project: US Route 150 & Illinois Route 91 (Widening, overlay and reconstruction of US Route 150 from Trigger/Koerner Road to Frostwood Parkway, on Illinois Route 91 from US Route 150 to the north.) R. A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. – Revised Payment Estimate #8: \$968,000.00; Total Authorization Approved: \$968,000.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;

Nays: None.

(02-746) * Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Cancel the SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING Scheduled for November 15, 2002, at 8:00 A.M. if an Extension of the Option to Purchase the Land for the Peoria City/County Landfill #2 was Obtained.

Council Member Turner moved to authorize the City Manager to cancel the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for November 15, 2002, at 8:00 A.M. if an extension of the option to purchase the land for the Peoria City/County Landfill #2 was obtained; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS**REQUEST for a RESOLUTION Advising the City Manager that it was the Council's Prerogative that ANY CITY EMPLOYEE who was Promoted into any MANAGEMENT POSITION Would be Required to Live within the CITY LIMITS OF PEORIA**

Council Member Ardis stated that an item of business that would be appearing on the next City Council Agenda would be a Resolution that would advise the City Manager that it was the Council's prerogative that any City employee who was promoted into any management position would be required to live within the City limits of Peoria.

GOVERNOR-ELECT to REVIEW AND EXAMINE THE I-74 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Council Member Grayeb referred to the progress on the I-74 expansion project and he pointed out there was a news article that indicated the reconstruction project would now be reviewed and examined again by the Governor-Elect. He said this situation should be watched carefully by the citizens of Peoria. He said he hoped there would be an equitable balance of money spent throughout the State, and not just in the Chicago area.

Mayor Ransburg said he had been contacted by the Governor-Elect's Office to attend a meeting to determine the interests of the City and its citizens.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**(02-756) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address the Council.

Mr. Jeffray Flat, 1115 E. Behrends, said he was the owner of three properties in the City and he urged the Council not to raise property taxes. He said Staff reductions should not occur in the Fire and Police Departments and he urged the City to revert Prospect Road back to four lanes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Morris moved to adjourn the Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Mary L. Haynes, MMC
City Clerk of Peoria, Illinois